

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JULIANA STRATTON
 Illinois Council on Women and Girls
 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 October 14th, 2021

A present majority of filled non-ex-officio positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 9 non-ex-officio members present				
Position	Name	Present	Phone	Absent
Ex-Officio				
Chair, Ex-Officio (LG's Office)	Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton		x	
Ex-Officio (Refugee & Immigrant Services, DHS)	Lilian Jimenez (Rep. Grace Hou)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. on Aging)	Katherine Ostrowski (Rep. Paula Basta)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Human Rights)	Donna Hardy (Rep. James Bennett)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Children & Family Services)	Marla Courts (Rep. Marc Smith)			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Healthcare & Fam. Services)	Director Theresa Eagleson			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Pub. Health)	Director Ngozi Ezike			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Labor)	Marina Faz-Huppert (Rep. Michael Kleinik)			x
Ex-Officio (State Board of Education)	Jaelyn Matthews (Rep. Carmen Ayala)		x	
Ex-Officio (Board of Higher Education)	Director Ginger Ostro			x
Ex-Officio (Community College Board)	Natasha Allan (Rep. Brian Durham)			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)				
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Candace Coleman			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Sharon Latiker*			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Nikita Richards			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Veronica Espina		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)				
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Ines Kutlesa			x
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Rhonda Thomas			x
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Theresa Forthofer		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Pending			
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)				
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Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Kaethe Morris Hoffer		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Maaria Mozaffar		x	

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Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Wendy Pollack		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)				
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Pending			x
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Vidhya Prakash		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Monique Garcia			x
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Pamela Althoff			x
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)				
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Amina Jaffer		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Pending			
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Rochelle Crump		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Sylvia Matos-Collins		x	
Rep. of Gov.'s Office Mem.				
Rep. of Gov.'s Office	Dep. Governor Sol Flores			x
Guest (non-member)				
Guest, Representative	Representative Anna Moeller			x
Guest, Senator	Senator Jackie Collins			x
Guest	Ibie Hart			x
Guest	Kelly Fair		x	

* Dr. Sharon Latiker was an appointed member of the Council at the time of this meeting, however Dr. Latiker did not receive the meeting invite due to administrative error.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM
- b. Roll call taken and quorum established

II. Approval of Agenda for 10/14/21 and Minutes from 06/09/21

- a. Agenda
 - i. Motioned by Dr. Vidhya Prakash
 - ii. Seconded by Theresa Forthofer
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstention
 - vi. The agenda for October 14, 2021 is approved.
- b. Minutes
 - i. Motioned by Sylvia Matos-Collins
 - ii. Seconded by Donna Hardy
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstention
 - vi. The minutes of June 9, 2021 are approved.

III. Chairperson's Remarks

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton provided an overview of the day's meeting and addresses the importance of October as it is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer

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Awareness Month. Lt. Governor Stratton shared the recent work from Governor Pritzker who signed a packet of Domestic Violence bills in late August providing additional resources and protections to women who are victims. Additionally, Lt. Governor Stratton informed the council the office is working with committee chairs to draft the upcoming council report. Lastly, Lt. Governor Stratton addressed the inequalities that still exist between women's and men's sports. She thanked the members of the council for the work they are doing because on her travels around the state, people are taking notice and know they have advocates on the council.

IV. New Business

a. Committee Updates

- i. Dr. Vidhya Prakash provided an update on the Health and Healthcare Committee, she thanked Lt. Governor Stratton for convening the Health Equity Summit held on July 1st, 2021 and reiterated the need to enhance both quantitative and qualitative data collection on social determinants of health to promote health equity. Dr. Vidhya Prakash also shared that the committee organized a briefing for Dr. Ngozi Ezike from IDPH on October 4th where they presented their findings. The committee plans to compare its findings from the Health Equity Summit with the data from the COVID-19 Equity Task Force to form policy specific categories.
- ii. Cynthia Orizaba provides an update on the Gender-Based Violence Committee, she notes that the committee is working on developing a Know Your Rights Campaign webinar series to be launched in 2022.
- iii. Jackie Matthews provided an update on the Academic and Economic Opportunity Committee, she discusses work the committee has been doing with helping the Girls' Committee investigate the issues that committee is working on, specifically access to childcare. Jackie Matthews also notes the Girls' Committee is exploring ways to involve girls in the state who are not members.
- iv. Maaria Mozaffar provided an update on the Leadership and Inclusion Committee, first thanking Lt. Governor Stratton for her leadership. The committee is working on the Girls Lead mentorship program and drafting a letter to invite legislators to participate in this mentorship program for young girls.
 1. Lt. Governor Stratton states she would be open to participating in this program and notes other constitutional officers may be interested.

V. Member Updates

- a. Rochelle Crump shared experience with the Operation HerStory Honor Flight to Washington D.C.
 - i. Lt. Governor Stratton thanked her for her service and stated she had seen an article days prior about the women veterans honor flight and expressed interest in a post-flight conversation with Rochelle Crump and other women veterans who were on the flight.
- b. Theresa Forthofer shares with the council that Dr. Vidhya Prakash's book is available.

VI. Public Comments

- a. No public comments provided.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Sylvia Matos-Collins at 4:56 pm

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- b. All in favor
- c. No opposition
- d. No abstentions